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COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM

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¶1. (SBU) On 6 March 2007, Ambassador Ries and Russian Ambassador Andrey Vdovin called on MFA Secretary General Charalambos Rocanas to deliver jointly demarches concerning the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (reftel). Both ambassadors urged the GoG to endorse the Statement of Principles, which they noted was not a treaty. In addition, Vdovin stated that the commitments spelled out in the Statement of Principles should be carried out "within the framework of international law and national legislation." SYG Rocanas responded positively to the idea of Greek participation in the Global Initiative and stated that a considered response would be forthcoming. It made a difference to the GOG, he said, that the U.S. and Russia stood united on the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism.

¶2. (SBU) COMMENT: The joint presentation of demarches came at a fortunate time for the GoG, as the Greek press has recently portrayed FM Bakoyannis as siding with the U.S. against Russia through MFA statements concerning missile defense.
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